

A BILL

To establish the CCC and WPA National Historic Site in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. Findings and Purposes.

(a) Findings. The Congress finds and declares that:

- (1) The Civilian Conservation Corps (hereinafter "CCC") provided education, honorable work, and shelter to more than three million young men and boys from 1933 to 1942;
- (2) The CCC and the Works Progress Administration (later named the Works Projects Administration and hereinafter "WPA"), created some of the most beautiful and enduring art and public works in the history of the United States within national parks, forests, and on other public lands and elsewhere;
- (3) By providing nutrition, hard work, discipline, and education, the CCC produced a cadre of extraordinary young men who quickly and easily became superior soldiers when their country was attacked by foreign enemies;
- (4) The generation of CCC and WPA veterans is now passing from the Nation's collective memory without having been properly acknowledged or commemorated;
- (5) The CCC and WPA constructed a building, known as the "Old Santa Fe Trail Building" in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1937-39 to serve as the regional headquarters for the National Park Service, and this unique large-scale adobe building has served its purpose honorably over seven decades;
- (6) A significant body of artwork and furniture created in the Old Santa Fe Trail Building for display and use in the building remains there;
- (7) A significant percentage of the CCC and WPA workers who created the building and its contents were members of minorities whose historical contributions are under-represented in the National Park System;
- (8) As a "hub" for CCC and WPA activities over a larger area, this building has significant administrative associations with other important sites in the region;
- (9) The Old Santa Fe Trail Building was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987 by the Secretary of the Interior and has long been preserved to National Park Service standards by the National Park Service; and
- (10) As a relatively unusual project built cooperatively by both the CCC and the WPA, the Old Santa Fe Trail Building embodies the history of both agencies and is an extraordinarily appropriate site for the preservation and interpretation of the CCC and WPA and the contributions of their members.

(b) Purposes. The purposes of this act are to establish the CCC and WPA National Historic Site in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to continue the building in its historic use, and to provide for its interpretation, protection, and administration by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service.

SECTION 2. Establishment, Protection and Administration of National Historic Site

- (a) The federally owned properties known as the Old Santa Fe Trail Building, its historic contents, and the 8.04 acres conveyed to the National Park Service by the Laboratory of Anthropology and the de Vargas Development Company on December 2, 1937, all located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, are hereby established as the Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Projects Administration National Historic Site.
- (b) Protection and Administration. The Secretary of the Interior shall protect, interpret, and administer the national historic site as a unit of the National Park System in accordance with the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 et. Seq.), the National Historic Sites Act of 1935, and other laws governing the National Park System.
- (c) Specific Provisions. The Secretary shall, in the administration of the national historic site,
- (1) Provide for the education of the public about the history of the CCC and WPA nationwide;
 - (2) Provide for the education of the public about closely related historic resources, including, but not limited to, the Santa Fe National Historic Trail;
 - (3) Provide for and encourage use of the building for special events whose purposes advance the preservation and educational activities herein authorized and that are consistent with preservation of the building without impairment;
 - (4) Update and improve the general management plan of the Old Santa Fe Trail Building to accomplish the purposes of this Act;
 - (5) Continue the building's historic use as National Park Service offices to such an extent and in such a manner as is compatible with and accomplishes the purposes of this Act; and
 - (6) Use the building as a center for research and education advancing the preservation of CCC, WPA, and other districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American history, architecture, engineering, landscapes and culture.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Appropriations

- (a) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.